

September 1, 1949

Rites for Former Putney Elevator Man Held Sunday

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Funeral services for Emil Nelson of Colton, this state, were conducted Sunday at 2:00 p. m., at the Paetznick Funeral Home in Groton, with the Rev. Sam Beamesderfer officiating. Alfred Paetznick was in charge of arrangements and burial was in the Groton union cemetery.

Mrs. Agnes Rasmussen presided at the piano and accompanied Mrs. William Wood when she sang a solo. Pallbearers were Dean and William Honey, Harry Pharis, Frank D. Jensen, Wm. H. Wood and Jesse Alberts of Claremont. All were former neighbors and friends at Putney. There were memorials and a profusion of flowers, many being sent by elevator companies and commission houses with whom Mr. Nelson had been associated over a long period of years.

Emil Nelson was manager of the Putney Farmers' Elevator for 18 years while the family lived at Putney. They left that community ten years ago, but during their residence there made many friends who extend heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Nelson and her family.

Emil Valdemar Nelson was born May 4, 1876, at Geneva, Ill. At an early age, he moved to Minnesota with his parents and grew to manhood there.

After being employed at various occupations, he entered the grain business about 45 years ago to remain in it until his retirement five years ago.

He was united in marriage with Miss Frances Smith at Jackson, Minn., April 10, 1912, and they moved to Chelsea, S. D., to establish their home. During the course of their marriage, Mr. Nelson managed grain elevators at Chelsea, Nahon, Bath, Tacoma Park, Putney and Lyons. After his retirement he and his family resided in Madison and finally at Colton. He passed away on August 25th, at the age of 73 years.

Mr. Nelson was loved and revered by everyone with whom he came in contact, both in his business and family life.

He leaves to mourn his passing his widow; four children, Charles of Putney; Meda, (Mrs. Clarence Alberts); Donald and Beverly, all of Colton; four grandchildren, and two sisters, Mrs. Ida Udell of St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. Lou Wilson, of Pomona, Calif. Two brothers preceded him in death.